



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE  
Karen Ross, Secretary

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To: Poultry Producers in California

As we are in the midst of another winter “avian flu” season, please continue to invest in several key areas in order to protect your flocks, your business and the California economy. For example, continue to:

1. **Review and enhance the biosecurity at your ranch:** We have an updated self-assessment tool available on our biosecurity website that we encourage you to use: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/go/PoultryBiosecurity>. This tool was based on the latest information from recent outbreak experiences. We will provide, at no cost, third party biosecurity reviews as staff are available and would appreciate any feedback for further improvement. The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) will not retain any information from these reviews; they are for your benefit. If you are interested, contact Felicia Pohl ([Felicia.Pohl@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:Felicia.Pohl@cdfa.ca.gov)) or your local CDFA Animal Health Branch District Office.
2. **Know the correct national premises identification number for all of your ranches:** Use this number when you submit influenza monitoring samples to any laboratory for analysis. When trying to keep trade open, accurately knowing which farms are negative can be as important as knowing the location of disease. The use of premises identification numbers allows us to quickly and accurately assess areas that are free from disease. If you need a premises number, contact Daysi Lopez at CDFA to generate a National Premises Identification Number ([Daysi.Lopez@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:Daysi.Lopez@cdfa.ca.gov)).
3. **Pre-plan for potential influenza outbreaks:** No one knows your ranch better or cares more about your ranch than you. In the face of an outbreak, we will be stretched thin and eager to listen to your ideas and solutions in order to limit the outbreak quickly. We highly advise you to:
  - ❖ Familiarize yourself with the Secure Food Supply Plan that applies to your business and the product movement permitting process should your farm or a nearby farm be affected. <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/SecureFoodSupply.html>
  - ❖ Create focused pre-planning areas for each ranch which include: Depopulation plans, Disposal plans, and Cleaning and disinfection (virus elimination) plans
  - ❖ Prepare for Indemnity:
    - Obtain a DUNS number by visiting: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>
    - Register on [SAM.gov](http://SAM.gov)

We have experts available that can explain further and assist as you do your individual ranch planning.

Sincerely,

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